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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1812.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 30th Jan., 1812, — the members present were, A. Bradford, J. Davis, J. Eliot, C. Gore, J. McKean, J. Pierce, O. Rich, W. S. Shaw, D. A. Tyng, R. Webster, and J. Winthrop.

The President in the chair.

Mr. MCKEAN was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

W. S. SHAW, Esq., was appointed to collect and report the ballots for two members.

Mr. SAMUEL DAVIS, of Plymouth, and JOSEPH TILDEN, Esq., of Boston, were unanimously elected members.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Samuel Gore for painting the new cabinet for mineralogy.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1812.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 30th April, 1812, — the members present were, J. Davis, A. Dexter, J. Eliot, J. Freeman, T. M. Harris, J. Homer, J. McKean, J. Mellen, J. Pierce, and J. Tilden.

Judge DAVIS in the chair.

Rev. Dr. FREEMAN having declined serving longer as Recording Secretary, JOSEPH MCKEAN was chosen to that office for the year ensuing.

Voted, unanimously, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Rev. James Freeman, D.D., for his long, able, and faithful services as Recording Secretary.*

Rev. Mr. HARRIS was appointed to collect and report the ballots for officers.

HON. CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
HON. JOSIAH QUINCY	"	TREASURER.
REV. DR. JOHN ELIOT	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH McKEAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
MAJOR JOSEPH TILDEN	"	LIBRARIAN.
DR. REDFORD WEBSTER	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP HON. JOHN DAVIS THOMAS L. WINTHROP, ESQ. REV. DR. ABIEL HOLMES REV. DR. JAMES FREEMAN	were chosen	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Nomination: By Hon. J. Quincy (in a letter to Rev. Dr. Freeman) Hon. Timothy Pitkin, Jr., Member of Congress from Connecticut.

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the stated quarterly meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 25th Aug., 1812, — the members present were, A. Bradford, C. Bulfinch, J. Coolidge, J. Davis, A. Dexter, J. Eliot, J. Freeman, C. Gore, A. Holmes, J. McKean, W. D. Peck, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, J. Tilden, W. Tudor, D. A. Tyng, R. Webster, P. Whitney, and T. L. Winthrop.

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* Dr. Freeman had now held the office since 1793, a period of nineteen years. — EDS.

FAC-SIMILE OF HAND WRITING OF JAMES FREEMAN.

Provincetown. 7th Sep. 1802. 37

Dear Friend,

I have passed over interesting ground to this place, and have frequently wished that you and Judge Davis were with me. I have traced the footsteps of the Plymouthians, & Morton's Narrative has won no obscurity, Enthusiastick rapture, such as a true antiquarian only can feel, has several times filled my heart, when I have seen how accurately every place is described. Tomorrow, I begin my journey homewards; & intend to pass several days at Eastham, Orleans, and Chatham, that I may, if possible, obtain correct accounts of those towns. I have already gathered much information respecting Dennis, & a valuable paper from the records of Plymouth. As I shall be absent three Sundays, I hope you or Kirkland, or Emerson will be able to preach for me the third. I am with great affection yours,

J Freeman

T. L. WINTHROP, Esq., in the chair. The President soon came in.

Mr. T. L. WINTHROP and Rev. Dr. ELIOT chosen to collect and report ballots. They reported that Hon. TIMOTHY PITKIN, Member of Congress from Connecticut, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member of this Society.

The Standing Committee reported Mr. Elisha Clap, of Boston, on nomination as a Resident Member.

A letter was received and communicated from Stephen Higginson, Jr., Esq., resigning his place in this Society.

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to cause a complete set of the Collections to be bound and presented in the name of the Society to the Legislature of the Commonwealth, for the use of its Library.

At the request of the Recording Secretary for instruction respecting the mode of notifying the meetings of the Society:

Voted, That he publish the time and place of every meeting in two at least of the Boston newspapers, and also send a notification to every member whose usual residence is within ten miles of Boston.

Also, *voted*, That the Publishing Committee may procure any copying of papers which they deem necessary, at the expense of the Society.

Voted, That Article VI. of the Laws regulating the Standing Committee be altered by the omission of the words "in the week," and by substituting the words "the President" for "the Recording Secretary." "They shall meet previous," &c. "The President shall notify," &c.

Dissolved.* JOSEPH MCKEAN, *Rec. Sec.*

* Rev. Joseph Stevens Buckminster, chosen a member in April, 1811, died June 9, 1812, at the age of twenty-eight. A memoir of him by the Hon. James Savage is in 2 Collections, II. 271–274. — EDS.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the stated quarterly meeting of the Society, Oct. 29, 1812, — the members present were, J. Bartlett, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, A. Dexter, J. Eliot, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Morse, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, J. Tilden, R. Webster, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge Winthrop in the chair.

T. L. Winthrop, Esq., R. Webster, Esq., and G. Bradford, Esq., were chosen a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and report.

The Standing Committee reported James Savage, Esq., of Boston, on nomination as a Resident Member.

Rev. Dr. Eliot and Mr. Pierce were appointed a committee to collect and report ballots; who reported that Mr. Elisha Clap was elected unanimously a Resident Member, and Edward Jenner, M.D., a Corresponding Member.

The Committee chosen 26th Jan., 1808, and renewed 31st Oct., 1811, on the subject of celebrating the anniversary, were requested to report as soon as may be.

Voted, To add two members to the Publishing Committee.

Alden Bradford, Esq., and Rev. John Pierce were elected.

Dissolved.